

## The Korean War 1950-53

Read pp. 385-387 of *Pacific Century* and read the notes on the Korean War as posted on the wikispace (the same page where you downloaded this assignment).

Should the USA settle with "Containment" of communism, or pursue "Rollback" of the communist threat?

### Task 1:

Complete the time chart below

Date	Event
1950 June 27 <sup>th</sup> :	
1950 September 15 <sup>th</sup> :	
1950 October:	
1953 July 27 <sup>th</sup> :	

### Sourcework:

Should Truman order MacArthur over the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel into North Korea?

Source A: Ambassador George Kennan to Truman, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1950

"It was not tolerable that communist control should be extended to South Korea, since this would have damaged our prestige in Asia... Nevertheless, it is not essential to us to see an anti-Soviet Korean regime extended to **all** of Korea for all time... it is impossible to keep Korea permanently out of Soviet influence"

Source B: The National Security Council to Truman, Sep 9<sup>th</sup> 1950

"The political objective of the UN in Korea is to bring about the complete independence and unity of Korea. If the present UN action in Korea can accomplish this without substantially increasing the risk of general war with the Soviet Union or Communist China, we should support it"

Source C: CIA report, Sep 27, 1950

"There are no convincing indications of an actual Chinese Communist intention to resort to full-scale intervention in Korea. While full-scale Chinese Communist intervention in Korea must be regarded as continuing possibility, a consideration of all known factors leads to the conclusion that barring a Soviet decision for global war, such action is not probable in 1950...there will be no Soviet or Chinese communist intervention in Korea"

Source D: UN Resolution, October 7<sup>th</sup> 1950

"The UN recommends that all appropriate steps be taken to ensure conditions of stability throughout Korea"

Source E: Radio Peking, Oct 10 1950

"The American War of intervention in Korea has been a serious menace to the security of China from the very start. The Chinese people cannot stand idly by with regard to such a serious situation. The Chinese people firmly advocate a peaceful resolution to the Korean problem and are firmly opposed to the extension of the Korean War by America"

**Task 2:** (to be done as a class).

Complete this table after reading through the sources as a group, then take a class vote on what Truman should do.

Source	Containment: Evidence we should call a truce now.	Rollback: Evidence we should take the campaign into North Korea
A		
B		
C		

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D		
E		